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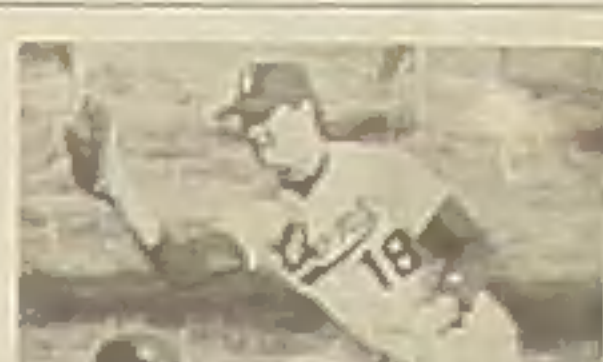
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## Steere sees purpose for oversight committee

By Chris A. Clark  
Editorial Page Editor

Pending changes in the general education program have brought about the proposition of an oversight committee to make needed alterations.

"If approved, an oversight committee's job would be to collect, review, and recommend all course changes," said Dr. Bob Steere, chairman of the Faculty Senate's committee on committees. "The area we are concerned with is that of the general education courses, which is only part of the curricula of the College."

Steere said the need for an oversight committee grew out of the changes in the general education curriculum that were proposed earlier this spring.

"No doubt the general education committee realized there is an important area that needs to be continually reviewed," said Steere. "The committee also realized the importance of a committee to focus on just that: a continual review."

Steere believes that instead of periodic checks of the curriculum by the oversight committee, a continuous examination is part of the plan.

"My interpretation is that this is going to be an on-going process, whereas before it was a periodic reviews," he said.

While the proposition of an oversight committee faces likely approval by the Faculty Senate, it is too late for the entire faculty to vote on the committee.

"We have to remember that none of this has been approved," Steere said. "It is too late now. No doubt this will be presented to the faculty next fall."

As *The Chart* reported in its April 14 edition, a proposal was under consideration by the Faculty Senate that would make it possible for faculty members to initiate new general education courses.

"The administration has the overview of the department heads, but professors and instructors are the specialists and they often see the need for change," said Steere.

According to Steere, there is a procedure for the introduction of new courses that is depending on the approval of the oversight committee.

"There is a procedure that is spelled out," Steere said. "The faculty has to fully conceptualize the need for the new course."

"From this, an instructor will have to put the idea into a proposal and send it to his department head, then it will go to the dean, and then to the oversight committee. After it passes there, it will be passed to the academic policies committee and then finally to Faculty Senate."

Steere said if the proposed course is a temporary one, the College president and Board of Regents are not required to give their approval. However, if the course is a permanent one, approval is mandatory.



Pianist

Mack McCray, who has taught at the San Francisco Conservatory of Music since 1971, performed Sunday night during the International Piano Competition and Festival. (Chart photo by Sean Vanslyke)

## Piano Festival attendance disappoints Swansbourne

By Rob Smith  
Executive Manager

Although television advertisements and 5,000 brochures promoted the event, the Missouri Southern International Piano Competition and Festival has attracted only a few hundred persons.

The second annual festival, held in Taylor Auditorium, began Sunday and ended last night.

According to Clive Swansbourne, director of the event, more could have been done to promote the event.

"Getting an audience costs money," he said. "I think it would have been appropriate to have had invitations from the president of the College. Personal invitations from the president always swell the crowd."

College President Julio Leon told the administrative council Tuesday morning that the College may not sponsor the event next year if there is insufficient interest.

Said Swansbourne, "There was a policy this year that students from the College would not be able to attend free. That policy should be completely scratched."

Tickets were \$5 for adults and \$3 for students and senior citizens.

Swansbourne said he had no idea what the future of the event was, and that it

"was the president's decision completely." He estimated the cost of the festival at "probably between \$20,000 and \$30,000."

According to Swansbourne, preparation for the piano festival is a year-round job.

"It's an immensely complicated thing to organize," he said. "We work all year just to get it to the high caliber that it is."

"Last year, many of the competitors said this was the best-organized competition they had attended."

Swansbourne said competitors do not "really mind" the low attendance.

"They are only concerned with playing their best," he said. "They might find it strange, but I don't think they are upset by the size of the crowd."

Swansbourne, however, is concerned with the lack of attendance.

"It does not make the College look good," he said. "The judges have expressed great surprise at the lack of support. It's even an embarrassment that there is so little interest in an event of extremely high caliber."

Although attendance has been low, Swansbourne has been impressed with those who have attended.

"From my point of view, it's the quality of the audience that is important," he said. "The audiences have been small, but knowledgeable and discriminating. This is much more important than sheer size."

## Committee reviews lists of 'great books'

Members complete survey of all departments

By Brenda Kilby  
Arts Editor

Attempting to reinforce "great ideas that have stood the test of time," a faculty committee was recently formed to compile a "great books" list.

Members of the committee are Dr. Joseph Lambert, English department head; Dr. Robert Brown, dean of the school of business; and Richard Massa, communications department head. Lambert is the committee chairman.

Dr. Floyd Belk, vice president for academic affairs, appointed the committee of three, who returned a report on Monday. The task of the group was to determine the need, if any, for a program to promote the use of "great books."

"We will compile a master list and try to show we don't need a new program," Lambert said. "At this stage, with a brand new general education program being instituted, I would hate to see it demolished by a great books emphasis program."

The committee has completed a survey of all departments on campus. A composite list, divided by fields, was sent to each department in order to find out what is already routinely mentioned in classrooms or consistently covered as a unit.

"We asked them to look at the list pertaining to their area and tell us if those authors were covered, and to what extent they were covered," Lambert said. "We also asked them to add any author they considered significant."

Authors not covered or not deemed significant enough were to be listed by the departments for the committee to review.

According to Belk, great books lists are common at many colleges, with the main ideology behind the lists being incorporation of the works in the curriculum.

"They are great ideas that have stood the test of time, that have really permeated civilization for thousands of years," Belk said. "For a young person to receive a baccalaureate degree and experience some of these ideas is not appropriate."

To facilitate the committee in compiling a list, Belk provided the three with lists from St. John's University, the University of Chicago, and Stanford University.

Lambert said the lists from these schools were compiled years ago and do not include works by women writers, American writers, great composers, or great artists.

Before the committee returned its report to Belk, it received the lists back from all campus departments. The lists, according to Lambert, were encouraging.

"We're so thorough in what we're doing already, that I think it would be unproductive to come up with a new program," Lambert said. "Once I get the list cross-referenced with the variety of courses, we will be surprised by how many of these books and authors are being covered now."

Lambert said it will take the committee several months to compile the list, but he is hopeful to see it completed by the summer's end, at which time the committee will study and analyze it some more.

Although the committee says it does not "want to propose a revision of general education so that great books will become the dominant emphasis," it does recommend that a general education oversight committee consider an "alternative core" of courses.

"Once the proposed general education program is adopted and in place," said Lambert, "the oversight committee can suggest a sequence of designated courses for general education credit."

## Activities will honor alumni

College plans reunions in several cities nationwide

In what is described as "the climax of the year," Missouri Southern will stage a nationwide reunion of its alumni.

"At the beginning when this idea was brought up, the thought occurred that a lot of the alumni would not make it back," said Jean Campbell, staff assistant to the 50th anniversary committee. "Maybe if we made it a little more convenient for them, it would be a great way of getting everyone together."

Reunions are planned in Los Angeles, Washington D.C., Phoenix, Tulsa, Wichita, Dallas, St. Louis, Kansas City, Jefferson City, Columbia, and Joplin. Alumni at these locations will be brought together via a conference call initiated by College President Julio Leon on Friday, May 13.

"We're creating a golden opportunity to help everybody become apart of this great year," said Campbell.

She believes uniting the alumni helps to magnify their contribution to the first

50 years of the College.

"Every one of our alumni is a part of those years," Campbell said. "Each is achieving success, and that is what we are here for."

Richard Massa, head of the communications department, believes the activities will honor Southern alumni everywhere.

"Toasts will be made to honor those students of the past, present, and the future," Massa said. "The conference call will be uniting the diverse groups of alumni across the nation."

Hosts of the nationwide reunions include: Kathy Lay, Los Angeles; Larry Moore, Washington D.C.; Lloyd Haggard, Phoenix; Dr. Edwin Strong, Tulsa; Ted and Todd Thelen, Wichita; Jeanne Grisham, Dallas; Karen Shipman-White, St. Louis; Lisa Comer, Kansas City; John and Daphne Baker, Jefferson City; Marty Oetting, Columbia; and Anthony Kassab, Joplin.

## New Senate officers set goals

Stokes, Hill, Woods, Ellis win Monday's elections

By Stephanie Davis  
Staff Writer

With approximately 350 students voting Monday, four Student Senate officers for 1988-89 have been named.

Robert Stokes was elected president, defeating Jerry West 189-145. Karen Hill was named vice president, defeating Michael Garoutte 220-117. Sara Woods was elected secretary, defeating Dawn Ehrenberg 242-105. Sam Ellis was chosen treasurer over Staci Daugherty, 206-134.

Stokes said he wants to make sure the students have a voice with the College administration.

"It's important for the students to realize that Student Senate is the voice of the student body to the administration and the Board of Regents," he said.

He said the main job of the Student Senate is to allocate funding and ensure that "all students and organizations get a

fair shot and an equal representation when they come and ask for money."

"I think what really won it [the position] for me was that I've been in Senate for several years and I've been in office before [secretary/parliamentarian]," said Stokes.

According to Stokes, there are three issues the Senate will be working on for next year. One concerns the extension of the school year.

"I think the Senate needs to express their opinions," he said. "I also think we need to make sure the time spent in the classroom is being utilized."

He said the Senate needs to express to the administration and the Board of Regents "the need for a dead day."

Hill said she is primarily concerned with the students' interests.

"We can't guarantee, but for the most

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Spring beauty

Tulips, planted in front of the Billingsly Student Center, are now blooming. (Chart photo by Sean Vanslyke)



## Yearbooks should arrive next week

Yearbooks should arrive on campus sometime next week, according to Melanie Hicks, co-editor of the *Crossroads* for 1987-88.

"We haven't been able to find out exactly what day they will be completed by the company," said Hicks. "As soon as they are ready, we'll drive to Kansas City and pick them up."

Intercollegiate Press has guaranteed a completion day of Friday, May 6, at the latest.

"But we're hoping for Wednesday or even earlier," said Hicks.

Signs will be posted around campus listing the beginning of yearbook distribution. All yearbooks will be distributed in the Billingsly Student Center stairwell.

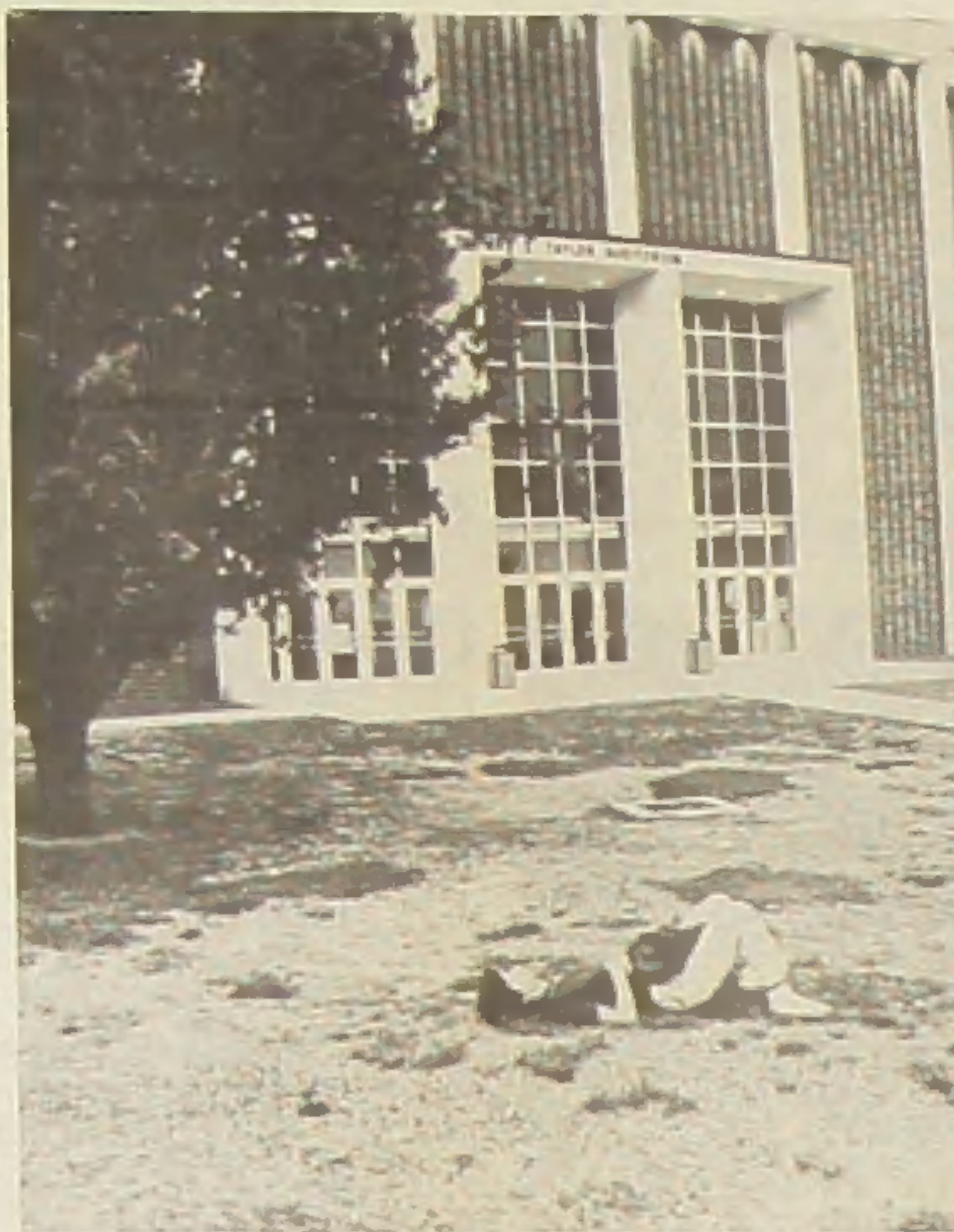
After Wednesday, May 11, yearbooks may be picked up in the office of the communications department.

All full-time students will receive a copy of the *Crossroads*. If a student went part-time one semester and full-time one semester, he or she must pay \$5 to receive a yearbook.

The 1987-88 *Crossroads*, containing 294 pages, is the largest yearbook ever published at Missouri Southern.

Teresa Merrill, co-editor of the *Crossroads*, will return as editor next year. Lisa Clark, a sophomore communications major, will serve as associate editor.

"We're fortunate to have such strong leadership for next year," said Chad Stebbins, adviser. "This will be the first time in several years that we'll have a repeat editor. That should make things easier."



**Contestant relaxes**

Avner Arad of Israel relaxes Sunday afternoon while the International Piano Competition and Festival takes place in Taylor Auditorium. Arad, 21, was a finalist in the senior division.

## 'Chart' announces staff

Rob Smith, a junior communications major from Joplin, has been appointed editor-in-chief of *The Chart* for 1988-89.

"Rob has progressed through the ranks, serving as a staff writer, campus editor, city news editor, and executive manager," said Chad Stebbins. "This semester he also unofficially served as our sports editor."

Mark Malik, a junior communications major from Neosho, will serve as executive editor of *The Chart* and editor of *Avalon*, the monthly art and literary magazine.

"Rob and Mark will provide strong leadership next year," said Stebbins. "Rob will focus on the editorial content of the newspaper, while Mark will concentrate on page design and graphics."

Chris Clark, a freshman communications major from Belton, has been named managing editor. Bobbie Severs, a freshman communications major from Joplin, will serve as campus editor. Stephanie

Davis, a freshman communications major from Monett, will be the arts editor.

Sean Vanslyke, a junior communications major from Webb City, will return as director of photography.

"Sean may be the best college photographer in the state right now," said Stebbins. "Photography could be our strongest area of the newspaper next year."

Steve Moore, a freshman English major from Joplin, has been appointed business major for 1988-89.

Assistant editors will include Brenda Kilby, John Ford, Jimmy Sexton, and Anastasia Umland.

Natalie Benson, a sophomore art major from Joplin, will serve as *The Chart's* main cartoonist next year.

"Many of our younger staff members were able to gain valuable experience this year," Smith said. "Now they're moving up in the ranks. I think that can only benefit this newspaper next year."

## Project construction begins

Although ground-breaking ceremonies were held in November, construction on a campus veteran's memorial began yesterday.

"The construction should only take about a week or two," said Larry Meacham, head of the veteran's memorial committee.

Several former servicemen who are Missouri Southern students proposed the idea to build a memorial. They brought the idea to College President Julio Leon and Dr. John Tiede, vice president for business affairs.

The committee held several fund raisers, including a spaghetti supper and selling

commemorative caches embossed with the College's emblem. According to Meacham, the committee has raised \$1,800.

"The College will be paying for all the landscaping around the memorial," he said. "We are still about \$800 short of the \$2,600 needed to complete the memorial."

Meecham said the design was changed in order to protect the fragility of the bricks in the structure.

"The bricks will be inset into three low cement walls," he said. "This will protect the bricks from the weather and the weight of the structure."

As of yet, an official dedication ceremony has not been scheduled.

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## College plans convocation Wednesday

Annual program to honor outstanding individuals

Outstanding students at Missouri Southern will be recognized in the annual honors convocation next week.

The ceremony is scheduled for 10 a.m. Wednesday in Taylor Auditorium. A reception will be held after the ceremony in Phinney Hall, where refreshments will be served.

According to Dr. Roger Paige, professor of psychology and chairman of the six-member convocation committee, approximately 50 students will be honored at this year's ceremony.

"Each department has one or more outstanding student awards," he said. "There are some other academic awards of recognition of various kinds."

College President Julio Leon will make opening remarks. Dr. Floyd Belk, vice president for academic affairs, will assist with the presentation of awards.

"The regents and trustees are usually in attendance," Paige said. "It's an opportunity for us all to wear our academic robes."

Unlike years before, this year the recipient of the "Outstanding Graduate" award will give an acceptance speech.

The purpose of the convocation is to recognize the achievements of outstanding students in front of their families, friends, and the community.

"We wanted people from the community to be involved, so it is open to the public," said Paige. "We were especially interested in having family members here this year."

Some students are bringing nine or 10 guests, so we expect a good group of family and friends."

Preparation has taken most of the year. "Each of us has assignments," said Paige. "There are about 30 tasks that have to be taken care of. It takes quite a bit of organization."



**Soundproof** Gwen Hunt, director of public information, is oblivious to the campus mower behind her office. (Chart photo by Sean Vanslyke)

## Hollis returns to fill position

Southern graduate takes public information opening

Although she has been away from Missouri Southern for less than a year, JoAnn Hollis will return to put her education to use.

Hollis, who received a communications degree from the College last year, has been selected to fill a position in the public information office. She starts May 9.

"I'm excited about it," she said. "I feel my education benefited from Southern, and I want to give something back to the College."

Hollis is leaving her position as assistant editor of the *Webb City Sentinel* to take a position on the news bureau staff.

"I like the atmosphere here," she said. "It will be good to see some old friends,

and I will make new friends as well."

Hollis took the *Sentinel* position after graduation for the experience, although she actually desired public relations work.

"You have to look at your career in steps," she said. "The *Sentinel* was my first step, and this is my second."

Her duties will include writing news releases for every section of the campus, writing news stories for promotions, and some photography.

"Her familiarity with the College and enthusiasm for it were just part of the reason for her being hired," said Gwen Hunt, director of public information. "She also had, not a lot, but good newspaper experience and is energetic."

## Southern to host contest

Missouri's annual State History Day will be held Saturday at Missouri Southern.

"This is the next step up after the district contests," said Annetta St. Clair, assistant professor of political science. "The top three are invited to the state contest."

Students from grade six through 12 will compete by giving presentations about various events in history. The students are divided into two categories: junior and senior.

This competition will produce the top two students from each category that will advance to national competition in College Park, Md.

"It is very important to teach young people to do research properly," St. Clair said. "That is just one of the things we try

to accomplish."

"We try to instill the value of primary sources, the techniques of writing, learning organization, and following rules. We feel it is a very academically-viable program."

According to St. Clair, preparations for the contest have been going on for more than a year.

"We have been working very hard in putting this all together," she said. "It has been a department effort."

St. Clair believes the contest can be used as a recruiting tool.

"This is a good way to bring students here and to have them thinking about our campus," she said. "We have managed to spread the events out so that the participants will get a good look at the campus."

## Contestants win at meeting

Two members of the College's chapter of Kappa Mu Epsilon captured first and second place, respectively, for their papers presented Saturday at the regional KME meeting held at the University of Northern Iowa.

John Day, first-place winner, presented a paper which analyzed the path of an aircraft during a constant radius turn.

"I felt pretty good about winning first place," he said. "My fiance helped me with the oral presentation, and Mary Elick helped me with the written part."

"I gave the students some guidance and helped with some ideas of how to present their papers," said Elick, assistant professor of mathematics. "I also made sug-

gestions on which would be good topics for the convention."

Robert Stokes, second-place winner, made a presentation that gave a mathematical explanation of a card trick.

"I got the idea for my paper last semester, and I started writing it about March," said Stokes. "Both Mrs. Elick and Dr. [Joe] Shields encouraged me to write this paper."

"I think winning first and second place reflects a solid mathematics program," said Shields.

Along with Day and Stokes, five other KME members from Southern attended the regional meeting.

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part we've been doing really well," Hill said. "We were able to keep dead day this year because of Student Senate, and we're hoping it will stay that way in the future."

Said Woods, "I want to make sure the student body is well represented, both as to how their fees are spent and as to how their views are presented."

Woods said she personally approached students and let them know she has "a genuine interest in their views and in their needs."

"I would just like to continue the input I've had in the past," she said, "and help to continue our policy of responsible spending."

Ellis said he believes everyone should have a "fair opportunity to get their share of the fees."

According to Ellis, there "isn't much room left for improvement." He wants to keep the traditions which are already established, "but I'd like to make the procedure a little bit clearer."

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### Let's look ahead

This year has definitely had its ups and downs. This year's 50th anniversary celebration should be looked upon as a tribute not only to the College, but also to those who played a part in making this year a great one.

Jean Campbell, staff assistant to the anniversary committee, will be missed. Her hard work and dedication in making this anniversary the media event it was should be applauded.

However, it should not be an anniversary celebration alone that should bring Southern the recognition it deserves. Despite a recent tuition increase, the College is still the lowest-cost public institution in the state. Many facets of this college have excelled during the past nine months. The progress would take far too long to report, but rest assured that lowest cost does not mean low-rate, at least as far as Southern is concerned.

This year has not been without its dark spots, however. The College has gone through a pair of coaching changes, and only time will tell how these changes will affect their respective sports. We also cannot forget what may have been Southern's most controversial incident. The racist name-calling should have never happened. But we must look to the future and not dwell on the past.

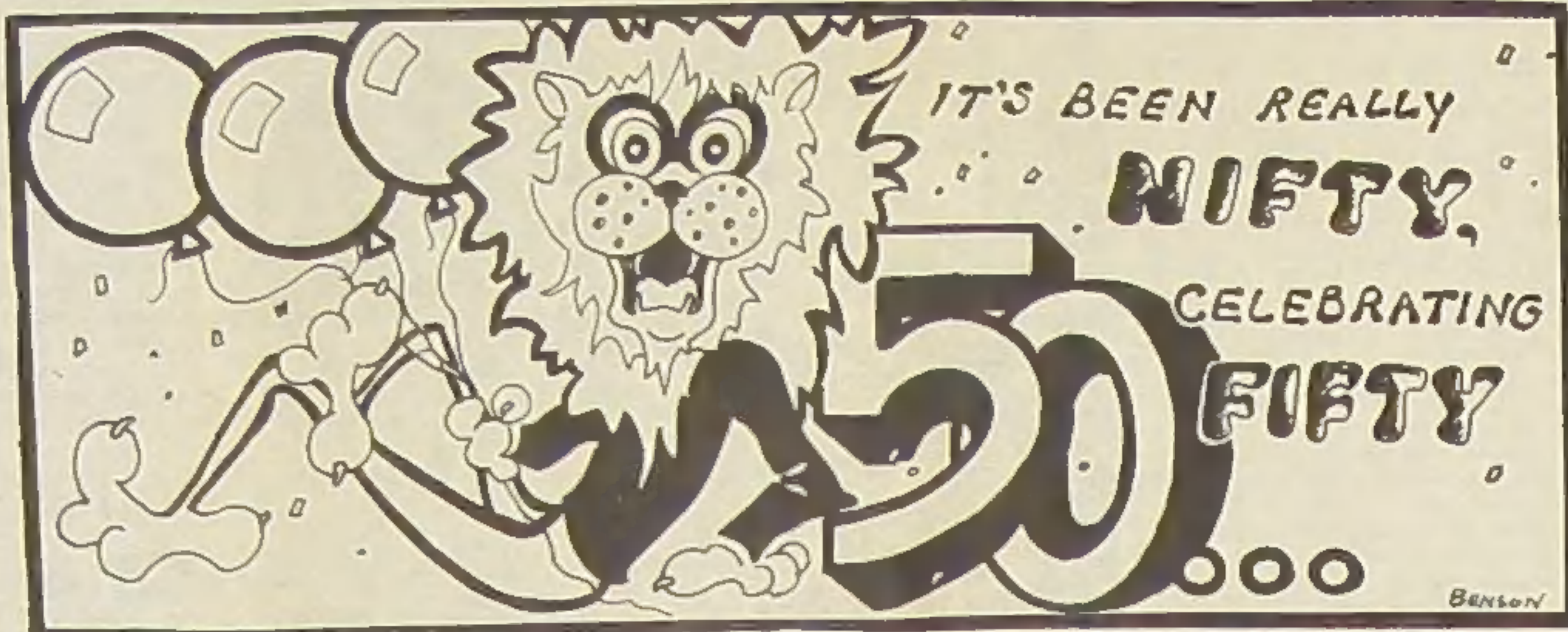
### Our wish list

Every department and organization on campus probably believes they are deserving of additional funding from the College. The Chart is no exception, so we would like to take this opportunity—as this is our final edition of the semester—to make our request.

In expanding our coverage to include the State Capitol in Jefferson City and the entire region, staff members are paying for almost all the trips out of their own pockets. Five trips to Jefferson City; single jaunts to Kansas City, Columbia, St. Louis, Oklahoma City, and Nebraska; and three ventures into Arkansas do not come without considerable expense. A small fund for student travel, or the establishment of a reporting internship in Jefferson City, would be a godsend.

Our second and final request (at this writing) is a small budget increase to provide for an occasional color photograph in The Chart. In the last national evaluation of our newspaper, a judge pointed out that "color would enhance your paper." To fully understand what he was saying, check out the picture of the blooming tulips on page one of this edition.

But as we said earlier, everyone wants something. The College administration must have a difficult task in weeding through all the various requests.



## Those who remain are lucky ones

By Mark Ernstmann  
Editor-in-Chief

Statistics, as someone mentioned earlier in this publication, are sometimes meaningless. However, because this is my final appearance in The Chart, I can't resist throwing out a few that boggle my mind.

I moved to Joplin on Jan. 11, 1985. I will graduate from Southern on May 14, 1988. Upon my graduation, I will have seen 1,216 days come and go. That translates to 29,164 hours, which translates to 1,751,040 minutes, which translates to 105,062,400 seconds.

Think about it: A second is nothing but a snap of the fingers or the blink of an eye. Over 100 million seconds does not seem like that long. Would it really take me three-and-a-half years to snap my fingers 105,062,400 times? Anyway, those seconds have seemed like only a blink of an eye to me. When I first walked into Massa's office way back in October 1984, I thought I would probably die at this College rather than graduate. Four years of the best years of my life were going to be spent in Joplin at Missouri Southern in school. The thought was not a pleasant one.

My thoughts are now pleasant again knowing that those four years are finished. Actually, it has



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been only three-and-a-half years, but who's counting. My counting has turned to days.

There have been a few stumbling blocks along the way. But, like a hurdler, those obstacles serve only to make you work harder. And when you get to the end, it is that much more satisfying.

I'm happy and lucky to be graduating, but sad in a sense, also. It's impossible to live in any environment for any amount of time without that environment having some impact on you. The people I have met and run with during my tenure at Southern will always be a part of my personality, and certainly always a part of my memories.

As will this newspaper. It has been my savior. Many times the only thing keeping me in school or interested in classes was the fact I knew I must complete them to work here.

Someone told me early in my stint as a young journalist that reporting gets in your blood. Well, they were right. I love this newspaper, and I would do anything for it.

Those of you who remain at Southern are truly the lucky ones. You are the beneficiaries of one of the greatest college newspapers anywhere in this country. We may not have a journalism department, or a nationwide reputation (yet), but we do have dedicated individuals—individuals who are dedicated to excellence and hard work and upholding the strong tradition established by each

staff that has worked on this paper in its 48 years.

Those of you who remain at Southern are truly the lucky ones. I am the only person leaving this staff. Everyone else will stay. That means an experienced staff. An experienced staff means the continuation of a quality publication, and even taking that publication to greater heights.

I would be remiss if I did not take this opportunity to also say a few thank you's. I will not list each individual that deserves one, but two stick out in my mind.

First is Richard Massa, for it was he who sold me on this school. Everything he promised has come through. Maybe some day I will return to Missouri Southern and be able to call him by his first name—Mister.

Second is Chad Stebbins, for it was he who sold me on this newspaper. He has been a teacher, a motivator, an adviser, and most importantly, a friend. I sometimes feel Chad does not get his due. Well, Chad, here's your due, from me. You make this paper work. You make the students work. This paper has taken great strides since you took over as adviser—a Regional Pacemaker, second place in the L.A. Times competition, numerous "Best in Class" awards, and the beginning of a nationwide reputation. Yeah, we've been good, but you've been great. Thanks!

OK, let's see now, only 17 more days to graduation. That translates to 408 hours, which translates to 24,480 minutes, which translates to 1,468,800 seconds before I'm outta here. The countdown is on.

## All resources have come together

By Jean Campbell  
Staff Assistant, 50th Anniversary Committee

Almost a year after working on a 50th anniversary project for a public relations class, I came to work on the year-long anniversary celebration. In February 1987, when the 50th anniversary committee was named by Dr. Leon, I was appointed. How exciting! This was a "real job" doing exactly what I would love to do. Read my lips, I love this job. Serving as staff assistant to the 50th anniversary committee has been a dream job—interesting, challenging, rewarding, and fun. (Oops, I forgot to mention all the hard work, also.)

Learning new things is always interesting. The variety of activities and personalities involved contributed to the interest factor. New things I have learned include:

- The best time to catch certain persons in their office;



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- How to play the telephone tag game;
- Eliminating the middle person with a conference call;
- How to stuff envelopes and presort mail;
- That it never hurts to ask for a favor;
- Ask again if you don't get the answer you want or need, or
- Ask another person.

The committee has been super! They met faithfully to share ideas and formed subcommittees needed to get the year launched. Every department and campus organization was encouraged to develop an appropriate plan for participation in the 50th anniversary celebration.

As groups began library research, telephoning, visiting with former faculty members and friends of the College, the history began to emerge. Names became familiar as did the roles and the personalities of those individuals involved in the formation and building of the institution.

It seemed important to do more than note on the calendar the passing of the time. It was appropriate that persons not only from the past but

also those from the present be given the opportunity to be part of a history-making celebration. Herein, was the challenge. It was one thing to list suggested activities and quite another to structure those dreams into an actual event.

The rewarding part is seeing all the resources come together—the right people, the right ideas, in the right places at the right time. When this happens everyone is able to participate with enjoyment and feel pride at having been part of the festivities. When all the elements come together, it is fun.

This has been a rewarding and fun-filled year. Beginning on July 4, 1987, with Mayor Clark's proclamation of the 50th anniversary year, the College has celebrated one successful event after another. The tremendously successful campus-wide events held this year could not have happened without enthusiastic participation.

As a result of the 50th anniversary activities, the College has become increasingly visible. The celebration provided a catalyst for moving Southern into the sphere of nationwide publicity. Among the nationally-publicized events were the hand-can-

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## YOUR LETTERS

Please submit "Letters to the Editor" to The Chart office in Hearn Hall 117 by noon Monday for publication in that week's edition. All letters must be typed or printed neatly, and signed. Letters of fewer than 300 words receive priority consideration.

### Paper should have ran article sooner

In February I came to your office to seek some publicity for our series of programs to include persons from the College and community area to discuss governmental issues, Constitutional issues. A young man took notes and received copies of our letters we had sent schools and civic groups. I left with assurance that some article would appear in the following week. Three weeks passed with no such publication.

I returned to try again. Again I gave notes and more copies of our material and was again assured that an article would be in the newspaper.

Two weeks and no article...so I called and a friend called The Chart office. Finally, on the day on which Spring Break began, an ar-

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## Student believes paper should get facts straight

The Chart recently printed an editorial concerning the funding that the Campus Activities Board provides for the Spring Fling Cookout. The editorial states that the CAB received \$30,000 from student fees this year and spent \$2,000 on the cookout, with the Student Senate allocating an additional \$1,000 for the event. According to The Chart, the Cookout cost a total of only \$3,000. The Chart questions the funding of the cookout in comparison to CAB's budget, asking for "all parties involved to re-evaluate the funding of this event." However, a re-evaluation of the facts

is in order. "All parties"—including The Chart—ought to have accurate figures.

The food itself came to \$2,500. The band, 1964, As the Beatler cost \$1,750, with an additional \$750 for sound equipment rental. There was also a charge \$178 for the hotel and meal expenses of the band. Frisbees for the event cost \$1,195 and T-shirts cost \$792. So for the cookout alone, the total expense came to \$7,615. Additionally, there were other events involved in the Spring Fling Week. The Rocky Horror Picture Show cost \$425, Lester the Clown cost \$800, the dance cost \$2,690, and

the floats served in the Lion's Den came to \$145. With these additions, the grand total cost of Spring Fling was \$11,225 compared to The Chart's claim of a mere \$3,000. Add to this the undeterminable value of the free labor provided by CAB members and other volunteers in organizing and staging the event. If The Chart wishes to "question" CAB, it ought to "re-evaluate" the sources of its information.

Sara Woods

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## Executive is native of Portugal

With his family, John Lima left Portugal in 1961 in order to pursue increased educational opportunities.

"The primary reason my family left Portugal was to offer a better opportunity (to the children)," said Lima, current general manager of *The Joplin Globe*. "After you finish primary education in Portugal, you must attend private school. In Portugal, at that time, high school was considered private school."

A primary consideration in their move to the United States was education cost in Portugal.

"I'm one of six children," Lima said. "It was extremely expensive to educate six children, so my father decided to evacuate, as my grandfather had done prior to the Great Depression. He (the grandfather) later returned to Portugal."

Apparently, the move paid off for the Limas.

"I have a brother who is an attorney, and one of my sisters is an electronics engineer, while another one is a special education teacher," said Lima. "So it's worked out pretty much the way my parents wanted it."

According to Lima, he is a "small-town boy." Born on an island, he compares the community he lived in with small-town life in the U.S. in the 1940s.

"I was born in a little fishing village," he said. "At the time we came to the States, living in that village was equivalent to living in 1940s America."

"It was a rural type of living," he added. "Just like any small town, everyone knew everyone else."

Upon arriving in the U.S., Lima could not speak English.

"I spoke Portuguese and a little bit of French at the time," he said.

After arriving in the U.S., Lima attended high school in New Bedford, Mass. After graduation he attended Southeast Massachusetts University and Bridgewater State College, although he did not obtain a degree from either school.

"Uncle Sam had something to do with that," Lima said. "I was drafted into the Navy and served from 1967-68."

Although Lima served during the time of the Vietnam War, he did not serve in Vietnam.

"I was one of the lucky few," he said. "I saw the end result of Vietnam, and I didn't care for that very much."

As general manager of *The Globe*, Lima is responsible for the circulation department and all of the production areas.

"As general manager, I'm also responsible for all revenue departments," he said. "These include display advertising, classified, and national advertising."

"I started with *The Globe* eight years ago as classified advertising manager," he added. "Later, I was promoted to assistant to the publisher, which was preparation for the job I now hold."

Before he joined *The Globe*, Lima worked for the *Plattsburg, N.Y., Press Republican* and the *New Bedford, Mass., Standard-Times*, where he was first employed as a salesman.



John Lima

## Drive-ins anticipate season

By Steve Moore  
Staff Writer

With hot weather approaching, two area drive-ins are looking forward to another season.

The Webb City Drive-In, of Dickinson Theatres, and the Tri-State Drive-In, of Commonwealth Theatres, are the only remaining drive-ins in the area. According to John Kampe, theatre manager for Commonwealth Theatres, the nearest drive-in is located in Fayetteville, Ark.

Although the Tri-State Drive-In has been open since March, it will not begin full-scale operation until May 20 when it will have showings seven nights per week.

The Webb City Drive-In will not open until Memorial Day weekend.

Although the drive-in style theatre has been successful in the past, both Kampe and Robert Mabary, the city manager for Dickinson Theatres, agree that the popularity of drive-ins is fast declining.

"Business is dropping off slowly and surely, and eventually there will be no drive-ins left," said Kampe.

Mabary estimates that within five years, all drive-ins will have vanished.

According to Mabary, the decline started approximately 10 years ago. He said that before this time, "drive-ins were doing as well as, if not better, than indoor

theatres." Mabary cited a greater demand for a comfortable environment, a better-quality picture, and higher-quality sound as some of the leading reasons for the downturn in popularity.

Although drive-in business is declining, there is still a sufficient amount of patrons to keep the two theatres open. According to Mabary, the attraction that drive-ins hold is due to such factors as affordability, a more open and relaxed environment, and nostalgia. Mabary said customers come from as far as Springfield.

Mabary said the main competition for drive-ins comes from activities such as indoor theatres, sporting events, other summer activities, and amusement parks. He also believes business suffers because drive-ins seldom show first-run movies. Kampe cites the main competition for drive-ins as videotapes.

With this competition, both Kampe and Mabary say the drive-ins are not making a large profit.

According to Kampe, Tri-State makes approximately \$1,000 on Fridays, \$1,300 on Saturdays, and \$50-\$60 on weekdays. Kampe said the theatre is not making enough money at this time to cover expenses and make a profit.

"Last year, we had a fairly decent year," he said. "But we're not making any money right now."

## DWI Arrests in Missouri's largest cities in 1987

City	Population	Arrests	Percent
Kansas City	441,170	7,137	1.6
Cape Girardeau	34,360	348	1.0
Joplin	40,220	372	0.9
Springfield	139,360	1,232	0.9
Columbia	63,140	533	0.8
Blue Springs	33,230	262	0.8
St. Charles	41,990	222	0.6
Independence	112,930	512	0.4
Raytown	30,850	140	0.4
St. Louis	426,270	1,866	0.4
Jefferson City	36,210	101	0.3
St. Joseph	74,070	159	0.1
Florissant	59,040	49	0.1
University City	42,270	30	0.1

## Joplin police rank third in state for DWI arrests

### One-third of Joplin accidents involve drinking

By Mark R. Malik  
Managing Editor

Driving While Intoxicated (DWI) arrests are an area of concern for the Joplin Police Department, according to Lt. Richard Schurman, head of the department's patrol division.

Joplin's police force is ranked third among Missouri's largest cities for the number of DWI arrests. Three hundred seventy-two DWI arrests were made in Joplin last year, forming an estimation that 0.9 percent of Joplin's population has been arrested for driving drunk.

"We do place a lot of emphasis on patrolling drunk drivers," said Schurman. "It's an area that causes lots of injury and personal suffering."

Schurman said of the six fatality accidents reported in Joplin in 1987, five involved drinking while driving.

"Roughly one-third of all accidents (in Joplin) involve some degree of drinking with someone involved in the accident," he said. "That could be one beer to complete intoxication."

According to the Joplin Police Department's 1987 annual report, the majority of DWI arrests took place from 9 p.m. to 3 a.m.

Of the 372 DWI arrests in Joplin last year, 81 occurred on Mondays, 39 on Tuesdays, 46 on Wednesdays, 60 on Thursdays, 64 on Fridays, 94 on Saturdays, and 48 on Sundays.

Forty-seven DWI arrests in Joplin took place in January, 36 in February, 34 in March, 29 in April, 27 in May, 21 in June, 24 in July, 24 in August, 37 in September, 31 in October, 23 in November, and 36 in December.

Said Schurman, "In the cooler months, when people are closed up inside, as a form of relaxation, they get out and drink."

Two hundred thirty-six of the cases were tried, while the remaining 136 cases are still pending. Forty-four percent of those cases ended in DWI convictions, 48 percent ended with the arrestee passing a breath alcohol content (BAC) test, 6 percent were referred to Jasper County Court for prosecution, and 8 percent either failed

to appear in court or forfeited their bond, according to Schurman.

He said the Joplin department employs "seven to 18 cars at night." Overall, the department has 25 units, including detective's vehicles and unmarked units.

Schurman said the majority of DWI arrests take place on Range Line, Seventh, 15th, 20th, and 32nd Streets.

He said the process of arresting a drunk driver includes watching for probable cause before an officer can pull over a possible violator. According to Schurman, probable cause is "usually" erratic driving or weaving.

"Just 'cause they're weaving doesn't mean they're intoxicated," he said. "Any more than one weave generally tells us (the patrolling officers) there's something wrong."

Once pulled over, the possible violator is given checks for sobriety, including checks for balance and coordination that would affect driving, judgment questions—such as reciting the alphabet. If arrested, the probable drunk driver is taken to the police station and given a BAC test. Refusal to take the BAC test normally results in the revocation of the arrestee's license for one year.

According to Sheila Swaffar, Joplin municipal court clerk, DWI violators may be fined from \$175 to \$300 and placed in a 10-hour alcohol education program, as well as lose their licenses.

"The beneficial aspects (of DWI convictions) come from keeping the drunks off the road, not as a revenue for the city," said Swaffar.

She said the revoking of a violator's license is not up to the police department or the courts.

"It depends on a lot of things—prior DWI arrests, prior points against your license," said Swaffar.

"It's up to the (Missouri) Department of Revenue whether the license will be revoked," said Schurman.

"Violators with over 1.3 BAC levels usually lose their license, with a one-year suspension," said Swaffar.

She said 618 DWI arrests were made in Joplin in 1986, while 692 were made in 1985.

## Local merchants combat theft problem

About 5 percent of potential revenues per year are lost due to shoplifters

By Mike Mallory  
Chart Reporter

Shoplifting is a problem anywhere merchandise is displayed, and according to Sheila Swaffar, municipal court clerk, Joplin has a definite problem.

"There have been 130 cases of shoplifting reported in Joplin since January," she said.

Swaffar said there is not a specific age range for shoplifters.

"We get them from 17 to 70," she said.

Convicted shoplifters in Joplin receive anywhere from a \$300 fine to 10 days in jail. But by city ordinance, the fines can be assessed at \$500 and the jail term can run 100 days.

Lee Ann Howatson, manager of Howson's Office Supplies, has reported no more than "two or three" shoplifters to the police. "We can handle most of them in-house," she said.

According to Howatson, the age of the shoplifter can range from teenagers to "little old ladies."

"In our business we get ripped off more by older people," she said.

Tim Reed, May's Drug Warehouse district manager, says shoplifting is always a problem.

"We probably don't catch two-thirds of them," he said. "But everyone we do catch, we prosecute."

"Just recently we had two video tapes worth \$60 stolen," James said.

Patricia Roerig, Kaleidoscope's manager, says she has "not had a major problem" with shoplifting, but nonetheless it is a problem.

"You have to see them actually take something, and we don't have the manpower," she said.

To make up the losses to shoplifting, Roerig says she attributes it to damage and shrinkage.

"The home office subtracts the loss from the inventory," she said.

Amy Koesball, assistant manager of Connors Hallmark, says it is difficult to catch shoplifters.

"You can discourage them by watching them close enough," she said. "But it's really hard to keep a close eye."

Venture's loss prevention manager, who asked to not be identified, says she has caught 225 shoplifters since the store opened on March 2, 1987.

Cassette tapes, game cartridges, and movies are the items most likely to be stolen at Venture. According to the loss prevention manager, she sees many juveniles stealing. But she has caught people of all ages and backgrounds, including a physician.

"I consider our security department the best in Joplin," she said. "I am very strict on how the people do their job."

Reed says about 5 percent of potential revenues per year are lost to shoplifting.

To prevent thefts, Reed says he trains all employees to watch for shoplifters.

"They try to approach everybody, which deters the potential shoplifter," he said.

Bob Marsh, Kay Bee Toy & Hobby's manager, says he's sure the store has a problem with shoplifters.

"We see a few empty packages," he said. According to Marsh, he has caught two shoplifters in the three years he has been at the store. Both were children.

In order to recoup losses caused by shoplifting, Marsh says stores just have to sell more.

"There's not really a lot you can do," he said.

To prevent shoplifting, Marsh says Kay Bee Toy & Hobby has installed security mirrors, and on high traffic days he has four to six people working, which can deter the would-be shoplifter.

Jennifer James, manager of Waldenbooks, says she is aware of a small problem when it comes to shoplifting. She said Waldenbooks employees have caught "about two" shoplifters.

"We usually catch them before they get out of the store," she said.

Video tapes and computer software are the items most likely to be stolen at Waldenbooks.

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celled postal cachets, *Good Morning, America*, the performance of a world class symphony, and the observance of the bicentennial of the U.S. Constitution. The media has been good to us.

Several excellent projects have been started during this year and will be finished later. A written history is being prepared. Veterans continue to raise funds for a memorial. Alumni groups are gathering on commencement weekend to rekindle old friendships and make new ones in 10 different cities away from Joplin.

There is a bit of embarrassment on my part when I receive compliments

for the success of the 50th anniversary celebration. I am privy to certain information—information listing all the people that have had a part in making the 50th anniversary happen.

It is exhilarating to work with creative, resourceful, intelligent, supportive people. Every contribution is important.

I want to thank Dr. Leon for letting me be part of the 50th anniversary committee. Thanks to the committee members for their help and encouragement. In the process of celebrating the old, we have written a new chapter for the history book.

Mary Lou Graham  
Producer of Constitutional Series

[Editor's Note: Due to space limitations, *The Chart* cannot guarantee the placement of an article in a particular edition. The Constitutional article was published on March 30, two days before spring break began.]

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ticle appeared. Few students were in to reading or even staying in Joplin.

Two weeks later a complete and separate section about the U.S. Constitution was published. How appropriate it would have been to make mention of this opportunity for individual input on the local level...and right on MSSC campus! But, there was no mention of this effort which we have tried so hard to make real.

Apathy on the public level is one barrier which all of us face, but the total lack of cooperation of press and college facilities are worrisome and

defeating of any personal efforts to arouse public in such subjects and government...which somehow equates...to our freedom.



## Students to compete in 'Mr. 10' program

Annual competition will be held Sunday

In an attempt to raise funds for the Miss Twin Counties Pageant Association, the seventh annual "Mr. 10" contest will be held Sunday.

The event will be held at Missouri Southern, beginning at 7:30 p.m. in the Connor Ballroom.

This year's event will feature a business suit competition, a talent competition, and a swimsuit competition.

The business suit competition is held first, with the contestants required to wear a suit or a sportcoat and tie. There is an award given for the best-dressed contestant.

The second event is the talent competition. Each contestant has three minutes to perform, and he may have people assist him in his performance. Last year's acts included a lip-synce to the Rainmakers' song "I Want a Big Fat Blonde," a striptease, singing, playing musical instruments, pantomime, magic, a jump-roping routine, and imitations of Pee Wee Herman, the California Raisins, and Janet Jackson. A prize is also awarded for the best talent act.

During the swimsuit competition, contestants may wear any type of swimsuit. They also may have a beach jacket, towel, sunglasses, or beach pants—but they must be removed by the time the contestant reaches the runway. An award also will be given in the swimsuit competition.

Each contestant is sponsored by either a club, an organization, a fraternity, a business, or an individual. There is not an entry fee.

The winner of the contest will be

awarded \$100, and the organization sponsoring the candidate will receive \$75. If the winner is not sponsored by a non-profit organization, the \$75 award will go to the highest-placing organization. The winner, runner-ups, and the individual categories also will receive several items donated by Joplin-area merchants and business. The 1988 "Mr. 10" will be eligible to compete in the Mr. Male Missouri competition.

This year the competition will be emceed by Carol Parker and Pat Meusbarger of KSN. Meusbarger currently holds the title of Miss Greater Kansas City, Kan.

Special guests for the evening are Michelle Carmine, the reigning Miss Twin Counties; Kevin Ziegler, last year's "Mr. 10" and the current Mr. Male Missouri; Charles Jennings, Mr. Oklahoma; Pete Ritchey, Mr. Kansas; and Heath Miller, Mr. Northeastern Oklahoma State University. They will perform during the competition.

This year's contestants and sponsors are Darren Beerly, Special Olympics; Jim Billingsley, the Residence Hall Association; Darrin Brower, the Miss Winterfest Pageant; Dan Clark, Bridal Boutique; Mark Friend, Dillon's Grocery Store; Chuck Gammill, Olympic Fitness Center; Roy Getchell, the Young Democrats; Ron Graham, Miss Winterfest Pageant; Don Hopkins, Zeta Tau Alpha; Brian Peak, Rousseau's Photography; Keith Sill, Bridal Boutique; Brian Speer, Olympic Fitness Center; Matt Taylor, Southfork Western Wear; and Jeffery Turner, the Firm.



**Cooking out** Keith Brown, a Southern student, barbecues chicken at the recent cookout given behind Webster Hall for the residential hall students by the Black Collegiates. (Chart photo by Sean Vanslyke)

## Group receives awards at PBL state conference

Members of Missouri Southern's chapter of Phi Beta Lambda recently competed at the State Leadership Conference.

The competition was held April 8-9 in Jefferson City. The events centered on the topics of business, finance, and economics.

Twelve students and two advisers from Southern attended the two-day conference. Darren Woods was awarded first place in the finance category and third place in computer concepts. Dan Moen placed third in the business principles competition. Jerry West received third place in economics, and Jerilyn Trainer placed third in the information management contest.

Woods will compete this summer at the national PBL conference in the finance competition.

Beverly Culwell and Karen Bradshaw, the group's advisers, chaired a workshop on PBL activities for the PBL advisers in attendance.

Robert McKnight, Linda Rowland, and West also represented the chapter as voting delegates during the election of state officers.

PBL also has elected its officers for next fall: Iona Ellis, president; Dan Moen, vice president; Shira Lawson, secretary; Dolores Motley, treasurer; Tammy Wallace, historian; Deanna Black, reporter; and Lisa Hartman, parliamentarian.

## Student receives regional position

Travis Creech will serve as assistant theme programming coordinator

While taking part in a regional convention, a Missouri Southern student was chosen as assistant theme programming coordinator for the National Association of Campus Activities.

Travis Creech, junior at Southern, will be working with the theme programming coordinator, Charles Collier, a graduate of Emporia State University.

The "Heart of America" regional convention is scheduled for Nov. 10-13 in Denver.

"NACA is a national organization that conducts educational programs, research, and provides support for campus activity organizations," said Val Williams, director of student activities at Southern.

The theme programs at the conventions are designed for the purpose of mixers. This allows the delegates from each school to get together informally to meet. They are held on the first and last night of the convention.

Creech applied for the position at the last regional convention. He was a delegate from Southern for the CAB.

The students are chosen based on their

school's support and their experience with the NACA.

"I'm really excited about going," said Creech. "I never imagined that I would get picked."

There are 11 regions throughout the United States. The "Heart of America" region covers approximately 120 colleges and universities from Missouri, Kansas, Nebraska, Colorado, and Iowa.

He will meet with his coordinator throughout the summer prior to the conference.

He and the coordinator will decide on what special activities will be provided for the delegates. These included contests, prizes, special events and dances. They will also make invitations for the conference.

Three delegates from Southern will be going to the conference. The cost is \$80 per person.

Williams will choose the delegates. They are chosen by how well they will benefit from the convention and what the convention will be providing for their specific committee responsibilities.

Creech and Collier will describe all the

contests, prizes, dances, parties, and dress codes at the convention. All of this information will be included in the invitations.

"The theme for the evening is carried out throughout the entire day into every aspect of the conference," said Williams.

Creech and Collier also must make sure that all of the committee members are aware of the theme.

Following the conference, there will be an evaluation. This will help with the planning of the following year's program.

The national NACA will follow later in the year with 1,200 schools participating. Creech hopes to be able to attend the national convention next spring.

"I realized that there are a lot of other people out there doing the same thing as you," said Creech. "There is a lot of exchanging of ideas."

Creech says his participation in the convention will benefit Southern. The region consists of approximately 120 colleges and universities.

"It's nice to know that people realize all the hard work you do," he said.

## Upcoming Events

Today	LDSSA meeting noon BSC-311	Student Affairs Committee meeting 3 p.m. BSC-313	ODK meeting 5:30 p.m. BSC-313
Tomorrow	State History Day contest 4 p.m. third floor BSC	Softball at the CSIC	Baseball at the CSIC
Weekend	State History Day contest 7:30 a.m. Saturday third floor BSC	Tournament in Emporia, Ks. TBA	Tournament through Saturday TBA
Monday	Time Capsule Dedication 1 p.m. Reynolds Hall	Faculty Senate meeting 3 p.m. BSC-313	CAB Movie 7:30 & 9:45 p.m. in the Barn Theatre
Tuesday	Communications Club banquet 7 p.m. Connor Ballroom	Softball at the NAIA District 16 Mini-Series TBA	THE GOLDEN CHILD
Wednesday	CAB May/June birthday party 11 a.m. Lions' Den	Last Day of spring semester classes	CAB appreciation banquet 6:30 p.m. Connor Ballroom

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Rehearsal

Michael Lancaster, choral director, leads a rehearsal for a Thursday, May 5 concert in Taylor Auditorium. The Concert Chorale, the Collegiates, and a jazz and chamber choir will perform. Robert Harris will accompany the groups. (Chart photo by Sean Vanslyke)

## College will host history conference

Meeting provides opportunity for professional historians to read papers

Hosting the Missouri Conference on History is a first for Missouri Southern.

The 13th annual meeting will take place tomorrow and Saturday. Most sessions will be held in Matthews Hall.

Virginia Laas, part-time instructor of history at Southern, is the president of the Missouri Conference on History. According to Laas, the meeting will provide professional historians with the opportunity to read papers they have prepared.

"It's what professional historians do," she said. "It's a good chance for historians to get together."

Several sessions are included on the program. Any student may attend.

Some of the presentations made by the professional historians include Missouri Folklore, Harry Truman and Religion,

Missouri History, Violence in the Midwest, and Women in the 20th Century.

"It is an opportunity to hear professional historians doing their work," said Laas.

Dr. Gilbert Fite, professor emeritus at the University of Georgia, will give the address at the opening plenary session at 10 a.m. tomorrow in Room 102 of Matthews Hall.

Dr. Dudley Cornish, professor emeritus at Pittsburg State University, will be the luncheon speaker tomorrow. The luncheon begins at noon in the Connor Ballroom of the Billingsly Student Center.

Dr. George Tindall, professor of history at the University of North Carolina, will be the speaker at a 7 p.m. banquet tomorrow at the Twin Hills Country Club. A social hour begins at 6 p.m.

Dr. Judith Conboy, social sciences department head, said the Missouri Conference on History "is certainly of interest to the academics who come in."

"We have an impressive group of historians coming to take part," she said.

Laas said that many of the papers presented at such conferences eventually end up as articles in professional journals.

"I'm anxious to get people from various other schools down here to see what we're doing," she said.

According to Conboy, the College hosting such an event "helps to accentuate the growth of the school."

Said Laas, "We are very appreciative of funding from the College and the faculty development committee."

"It's an opportunity for us to show off our school," she said.

## Theatre department sets schedule for productions

Fields enters 'Tom Jones' in play competition

By Brenda Kilby  
Arts Editor

Hoping for a successful season, Missouri Southern's theatre department is planning ahead.

"We will open with *Little Shop of Horrors*," said Dr. Jay Fields, theatre director. "Although the play will run this summer, we have decided to hang onto it because most people on campus won't have seen it."

The musical production will run July 28-30, with a dinner theatre production scheduled the last two nights.

"We wanted a musical with fewer people in the cast," said Fields, who added that when it ran on Broadway, *Little Shop of Horrors* only used a small combo and not an orchestra like most musical plays there.

*Tom Jones*, which runs Oct. 5-8, will have a larger cast. Fields has entered the play in the American College Theatre Festival as a participating entry.

"This means we will be viewed by a representative from that organization," he said, "and if we are chosen, we will take the play to the University of Kansas and perform it there in another competition."

Last year the ACT Festival chose four or five plays from a four-state region that includes Missouri, Kansas, Iowa, and Oklahoma.

"The festival at the University of Kansas is a really big one, with workshops," said Fields. "If we win there, we will take the play to Washington, D.C. and perform at the Kennedy Center."

There are several adaptations of *Tom Jones*. The production planned by Fields is one he adapted himself.

"I took a number of scripts and pieced them together," he said. "Some of it I wrote myself."

Duane Hunt will direct *Fool for Love*, which is scheduled for Nov. 9-12 in the Barn Theatre.

"This play came about because I realized the Barn Theatre was not being used very much," said Fields. "I love that space, and it's a wonderful way to offer adult theatre to students."

Fields said the theatre department did not offer enough plays for adults when he came to Southern in 1987. But since the theatre budget is limited, there was only so much that could be done.

"We can bring serious works to the Barn Theatre without raising our budget too much," he said.

Written by Sam Shepard, who Fields calls "the hot playwright now," *Fool for Love* has adult themes and situations continuing the department's recent interest in adult fare for the campus audience.

"Young people today see everything on television," he said. "You can't keep giving them careful theatre. You have to talk to them in their own language and offer them meaty material."

"The theatre is supposed to make people think," said Fields. "That's the purpose of the arts, to help people see things differently."

Two children's theatre productions will be offered during the season. *The Wizard of Oz* is scheduled for Dec. 3-4, and *Snoopy*, a musical, will play April 21-23.

"We do two children's shows every season," Fields said. "That's where the scholarship money comes from for the theatre students."

*The Wizard of Oz* will be directed by Todd Yearton. *Snoopy* will be directed by Duane Hunt.

*The Nerd*, a play by Larry Shue that is still playing on Broadway, is scheduled for Feb. 15-18. A comedy set in the round, the play will be viewed from all angles by the audience.

Two Harold Pinter plays, *The Collection* and *The Lover*, are scheduled for April 5-8. Fields is calling the show *Plays Two*.

"When I was here to be interviewed before I took this position, Steve Gale mentioned he was a Pinter expert," said Fields, who shared his appreciation of Pinter with Gale. The two decided to co-direct the plays, even though Gale wasn't sure Southern was ready for Pinter at first.

"But then I said, 'Let's do it,'" said Fields.

## Orchestra opens concert series Monday

Orchestra, piano, and vocal music will fill the air next week, as three concerts are scheduled at Missouri Southern. All events, free to the public, begin at 8 p.m. in Taylor Auditorium.

The College Community orchestra, conducted by William Elliot, will perform Monday. The 55-piece orchestra will play *Les Preludes-Symphonic poem No. 3* by Franz Liszt, *Garden Suite No. 2* by Bizet, *Adagio for Strings* by Samuel Barber, and *Overture to Russian and Ludmilla* by Glinka.

Elliot, associate professor of music at Southern, is an accomplished cellist and performs frequently with the Southern Trio.

Vivian Leon and Elizabeth Kemm will present a duo-piano concert Tuesday. A native of Hong Kong, Leon received her master's degree in piano performance from North Texas State University and has taught privately for years. Kemm is music director of First Presbyterian Church in Webb City and holds two bachelor's degrees from Southern.

The pianists will perform *Variations for Two Pianos* by Puccini, *Petite Suite* by Debussy, *Sonata in G Major* by Bach, *Tarantelle from Suite No. 2* by Rachmaninoff, *Diabellina* by R.R. Bennett, *Danza Lucumi* by Lecuona, *Polonaise from Suite Op. 15* by Arenski, and *Memories of Childhood* by Pinta.

The 72-voice Concert Chorale will give its final performance of the year on Thursday, May 5. Directed by Michael Lancaster, the group will be accompanied by Robert Harris.

Works by Schubert, Beethoven, Argento, Brahms, and Aaron Copland will be performed. An arrangement of *Amazing Grace* will feature Linda Lancaster on flute.

The Collegiates, a 12-voice ensemble, will perform a variety of classical popular songs. Lancaster, who joined the music faculty last fall after completing his doctorate at the University of Southern California, performed frequently as a baritone soloist throughout southern California.

## Art exhibit begins Sunday

Senior art students will exhibit a variety of works in two exhibits at the Spiva Art Center beginning Sunday and ending May 11.

On commencement day, Saturday, May 14, all senior works will be displayed both in the Spiva Art Center gallery and the balcony gallery of the art department.

The first exhibit opens Sunday and continues through Friday, May 6. Seniors exhibiting their works are Erik Davis, Carthage; Tom Kirk, Miami; Brad McClintock, Carterville; Ken Pennington, Mo-

nett; and Tod Massa, Mike Prater, and Kevin Tyler, all of Joplin.

The second exhibit, scheduled for May 8-May 12, features works by Beth Christodoulou, Springfield; Sheila Myers, Broken Arrow, Okla.; Dianna Peterson, Diamond; and Julia Cheung, John Good, and Donna Schwegman, all of Joplin.

Gallery hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Tuesday through Saturday; and 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday. The gallery is not open on Mondays.

## Membership drive starts in May

The Joplin Community Concert Association will hold its membership drive for the 1988-89 concert season May 9-14. Headquarters, located in the lobby of the Joplin Holiday Inn, will be open Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and on Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The concerts are scheduled to appear at Taylor Auditorium on campus.

A *Festival of Fine Music* is the theme for the community concerts, which include performances by Mantovani Strings, Atlantic Brass Quintet, vocalists Claudette Peterson and David Kline, and Nina Svetlanova, a Russian pianist.

Admission to the concerts is by season membership tickets. Adult memberships are \$20, student memberships are \$10, and family memberships are \$50. This year a family membership includes two adult and one student ticket with additional children in the family admitted free.

Membership holders are entitled to membership in the community concerts in Springfield and Bolivar, as well as those in Bartlesville, Okla.; Rogers, Ark.; and Independence, Kan.

Persons wanting more information on membership may call 782-1000, Ext. 482.

## Coming Attractions

Joplin	MSSC Concert Band 8 p.m. tonight Taylor Auditorium	MSSC Concert Choir 8 p.m. May 5 Taylor Auditorium	Choral Society Concert 8 p.m. May 12 Taylor Auditorium
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# Sixteen students to attend Oxford summer session



Jo Nageotte

## Jo Nageotte

With the desire of traveling overseas, Jo Nageotte welcomes the opportunity to study at Oxford University.

Nageotte, a senior biology-chemistry secondary education major at Missouri Southern, said she hopes to gain a different type of understanding in a different type of educational system.

"I've always wanted to travel overseas, especially to Europe," she said. "I figured this would be a good time to do it."

Nageotte will enroll in a course titled "19th Century Novels: Do They Teach, Entertain, or What?"

"This trip is my anniversary, birthday, and Christmas presents from my husband for the next three years to come," said Nageotte. "It is also the computer I was going to get."

She said she would like to take two or three days to go on to France "because that's where my husband's ancestors are from, and I've been doing genealogy work on them."

Nageotte said her family is excited about her trip.

"My husband, Lonny, is being very generous about taking care of the house and our sons while I'm away," she said.

## Deborah Neuenschwander

Six weeks after getting married, Deborah Neuenschwander, senior communications major, will travel to Oxford University for a three-week course in British economics.

Neuenschwander plans to marry Sean Vanlyke, a junior communications major, on May 21. She will leave for England on July 2.

She also hopes to take a ferryboat to West Germany and see a high school classmate whose husband is stationed there.

"I want to see things, the buildings, people, gardens, and cities," she said. "I don't want to miss anything while I'm there."

Neuenschwander is looking forward to taking classes in the morning and field trips in the afternoons.

"We are basically free to do what we want," she said. "We can take off on the weekends and go to the shops and stores."

Neuenschwander said she had the opportunity to attend Oxford last year, but was unable.

"Most opportunities like this don't come around twice; there was no way I was going to miss out on it again," she said.

Trends and past accounts of England's economy and how it corresponds with the U.S. economy will be the highlight of the course, "Britain Today and Tomorrow," which Neuenschwander has chosen.

"I'm really looking forward to going," she said. "To get to go is one thing, but to be able to study at a university with so much prestige is really something special."



Deborah Neuenschwander

## Stephanie Richardson

Studying medieval England for three weeks at Oxford is what Stephanie Richardson, junior communications major, plans to do this summer.

The class, "Medieval England," will include field trips.

"I thought it would be a better chance to see the country," said Richardson.

Though she has never been out of the country before, she thinks going to England is a "unique opportunity."

"It's a chance to see other cultures," she said.

Richardson has never flown before. "Flying will be an experience in itself," she said.

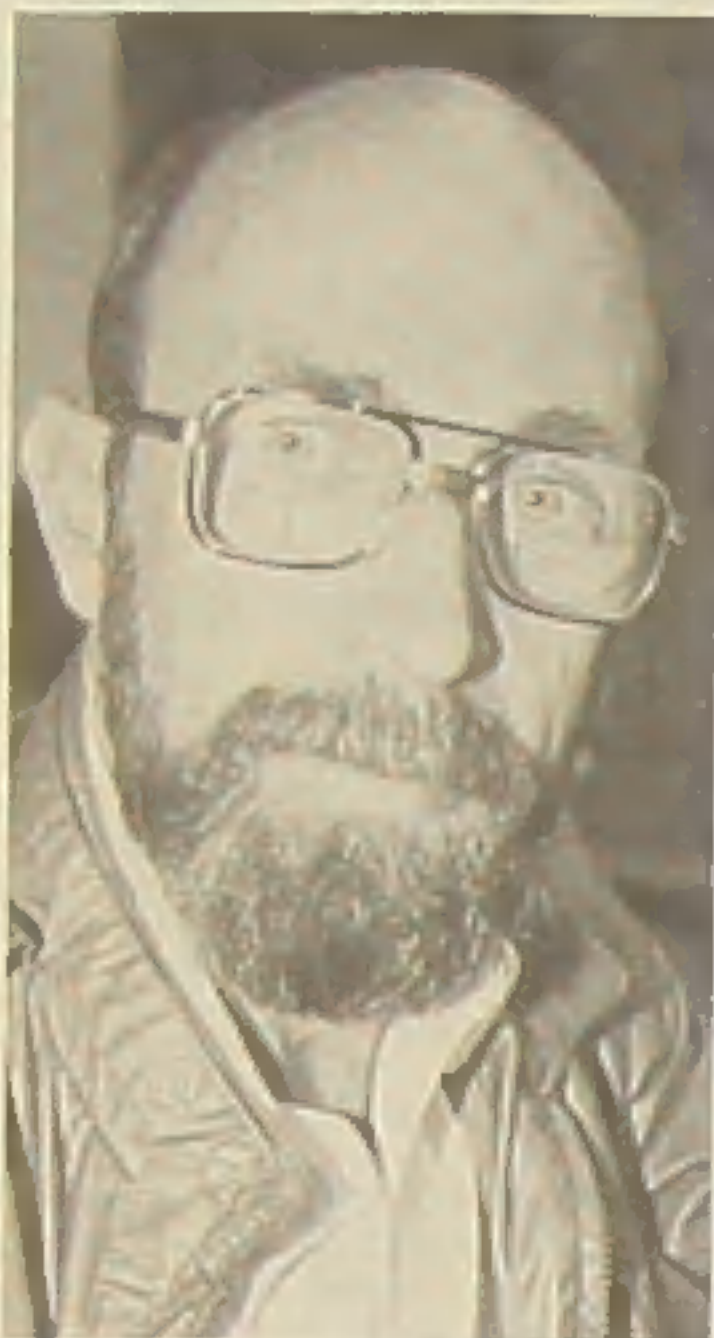
Acceptance to the Oxford program is based on grade-point average and hours completed.

"I was kind of scared I wouldn't get accepted," she said.

Of the sights Richardson plans on seeing while in England, Buckingham Palace and Big Ben top the list.



Stephanie Richardson



John Ely

## John Ely

Although John Ely has traveled extensively around the globe, he says his venture to England will be a new experience.

"This will give me a chance to see a part of the world I have never seen," he said.

Ely, a non-traditional student, will graduate with an accounting degree in December. He has a grade-point average of 3.85.

The status of Oxford is such that I couldn't consider not applying," he said. Ely will be taking a course titled "Queen Victoria and Her Ministers."

"It will be interesting to learn about such a revered leader," he said.

Funding for Ely's trip comes from two sources: a scholarship he received from Southern, and his mother.

"My mother is being very generous in that she is also allowing my wife and two children travel to Oxford," he said. "This will be quite an experience for my family as a whole."

Ely hopes to increase his knowledge of the British Empire.

"I'm really looking forward to this trip," he said. "I'm sure it will be an enjoyable experience."



Dayna Spencer

## Dayna Spencer

Studying the medieval feudal system while at Oxford will be a beneficial experience, says Dayna Spencer.

"I just thought it was a really good opportunity to travel," she said, "and I felt being eligible to apply for Oxford was an honor."

Spencer, a Spanish education major, is a mother, grandmother, and Webb City resident. At Oxford, she will be studying a course titled "Warwick to Windsor: Castles to Towns." The course is designed for an in-depth study of areas around castles during the medieval feudal system.

Spencer believes the course will be a good experience for her.

"Studying an older culture would be beneficial," she said.

In addition to the academic benefits, Spencer said she also will gain travel experience from her trip to England.

## Linda Rowland

Since she has never been outside the United States, Linda Rowland says going to England is too good of an opportunity to pass up.

"To study at Oxford, one of the oldest universities in England, is a big privilege to me," said Rowland, a senior marketing and management major.

The course she chose is "Warwick to Windsor: Castles and Towns." She has a fascination of castles and thought it would help her learn more of the history of England in a short time.

"I think Missouri Southern should be commended because it is an opportunity that all colleges do not offer to their students, and for a small college I find it impressive," she said.

"It will be a vacation to me. I will have a chance to meet with other students taking the same course, and having these memories that will last a lifetime," said Rowland.

She will receive a \$1,000 scholarship from the College to help cover part of the expenses of the trip.

"I have been working in the personnel department at Tri-State Motor Transit to provide the money to go," she said, "and I will be working up and till the time I go."

Added Rowland, "It would be nice if my husband could join me, but someone has to stay home and take care of the kids."



Linda Rowland

## Linda Roark

Airplane crashes have crossed the mind of Linda Roark, but she believes the risk is worth a trip to Oxford.

"I'm anxious to meet people not only from another country, but from other schools in the United States, also," she said. "I'm looking forward to sharing a dorm room with someone who has a different background."

When Roark last traveled, it was a "rewarding" experience for her as she placed eighth overall and won \$80 in an entrepreneurship contest in San Francisco.

Roark said students need to take opportunities when they come.

"I thought that if I didn't take opportunities like this when I was young," she said, "I would never get the chance. It is ironic that here I am getting the chance to go."

A different presentation of class material is something she is looking forward to in the course "Warwick to Windsor: Castles and Towns."

The one-on-one oral discussions with the professor will give a different perspective on the class, Roark said.



Linda Roark



Dorothy Speck

## Dorothy Speck

Preparing for Oxford will give Dorothy Speck a more complete educational experience.

"I have memorized every map of Oxford, and I know every street there," she said. "I have read a great deal about Oxford, and I will be able to take advantage of my time because it is so short."

This trip has a special meaning for Speck, as she had the opportunity to go last year, but had to turn down the offer. Her brother has lived in England for seven years.

"He operates a heifer farm there," said Speck. "I am greatly looking forward to spending time with him."

With two more credit hours, Speck will have her education degree. She plans to return to Southern to study for a degree in biology.

"Biology is my field, and the course I am going to take (at Oxford) is 'Symbolism in Science and Myth.' I am also looking at the content of my course, which I think will speak to biology."

According to Speck, going to Oxford will prove to be a valuable experience in itself.

"Often, courses one takes at Oxford are not directly related to your field," she said, "but the experience of going there would help anyone in any field."



Carol Townsend

## Carol Townsend

For Carol Townsend, a junior nursing major, a trip to England is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity.

"Although I am not studying anything that has to do with my major of nursing," she said, "I find it an incredible enriching experience."

Traveling overseas is nothing new to Townsend, since she lived in Japan for two years and in Alaska before it became a state.

"I will be studying two Shakespearean plays, which I understand there will be some field trips and we might even get a chance to see his home," said Townsend.

She chose to study Shakespeare because she believes it was the perfect choice for her, and she says it is not studied as much as it was in the past.

"I noticed that the courses were slanted more toward the English and the arts," she said.

Townsend received a \$1,000 scholarship from the College to help meet the costs of the trip. She is presently working extra shifts at St. John's Regional Medical Center to cover the remaining expenses.

"I hope to have a better understanding of Shakespeare," said Townsend, "because we don't study it as much as we did when I was a high school student."



Janie Tourtillott

## Janie Tourtillott

Senior Janie Tourtillott conveys eagerness in learning while she is at Oxford this summer.

"I want to understand how a different part of the world studies," said Tourtillott, an elementary education major. "And I want to gain some experience from people in other countries."

Tourtillott said she is eager to travel to England. Although she has traveled before, she has never gone overseas.

"I thought it was an extremely wonderful honor I couldn't pass up, and I wanted to be one to represent Missouri Southern," she said. "I'm proud to be a student at Southern."

Tourtillott plans to study a literary course titled "Alice: Before and After," the experience of which she hopes to incorporate into her teaching career.

She said her husband is supportive of her chance to study at Oxford and is glad she has the opportunity to attend.

"I felt like after going four years and studying hard, Southern has given something back," Tourtillott said.





Beverly Zerkel

### Margaret Barlet

Traveling from Carthage to Oxford could prove to be a culture shock for Margaret Barlet, who has never been out of the country.

Barlet, a junior psychology major, will take the course "19th Century Novels" at Oxford. She says she is "very excited" about her trip.

"It will be an awe-inspiring experience

### Beverly Zerkel

Love of travel is the motivating factor for Beverly Zerkel, Missouri Southern student, in going to Oxford University this summer.

"I love England," Zerkel said. "This will be my third trip there. I'm looking forward to being there as more than just a tourist. I will get to see things the tourists don't see."

In addition to the three-week Oxford session, Zerkel will spend two extra weeks in Europe. She is planning to spend one week in Ireland and another week in Scotland before the Oxford session begins.

"I really don't know what to expect," she said. "I'm just looking forward to the whole experience. I don't intend to spend the entire three weeks studying, but I will do my very best."

### Darlene Parker

Visiting castles and studying towns in England will be a first-time experience for Darlene Parker.

Parker, a junior accounting major, plans to attend Oxford University this summer. She said she has never traveled before and looks forward to going.

"I thought it would be great to think about 'If I get to go,'" said Parker. "I thought it would be worthwhile to fantasize about it, but I didn't think I'd get to go."

She said she will study "Warwick to Windsor: Castles and Towns," a course which will include tours to various castles and towns. The class will meet two-and-a-half hours per day, with the remainder spent touring the area. Parker said each

to be in such a historical place," she said. Barlet is one of 10 Missouri Southern students going to Oxford during the second session.

"It is very gratifying to even have had the opportunity to apply," she said. "I figured that I was at least going to try to go."

Barlet said her children are excited about her chance to participate in the program.

"I really consider it to be a privilege to attend classes at Oxford," she said.

Zerkel believes it is a real credit to Southern that the school has gone to the trouble to make this type of trip available to students.

She said, "I think as many people as possible should participate in this program."

As a business major, Zerkel had trouble choosing a course of study. The class she will take is "Warwick to Windsor: Castles and Towns."

"A lot of the courses were geared for English majors," she said. "I didn't feel I had the educational background for some of the courses offered."

After hearing about the Oxford courses last year, Zerkel "actively sought" to go on the trip this year.

"I took extra hours last semester in order to go this year," she said. "I took five credit hours at mid-term to have my 75 hours. I really pushed myself to meet the criteria."

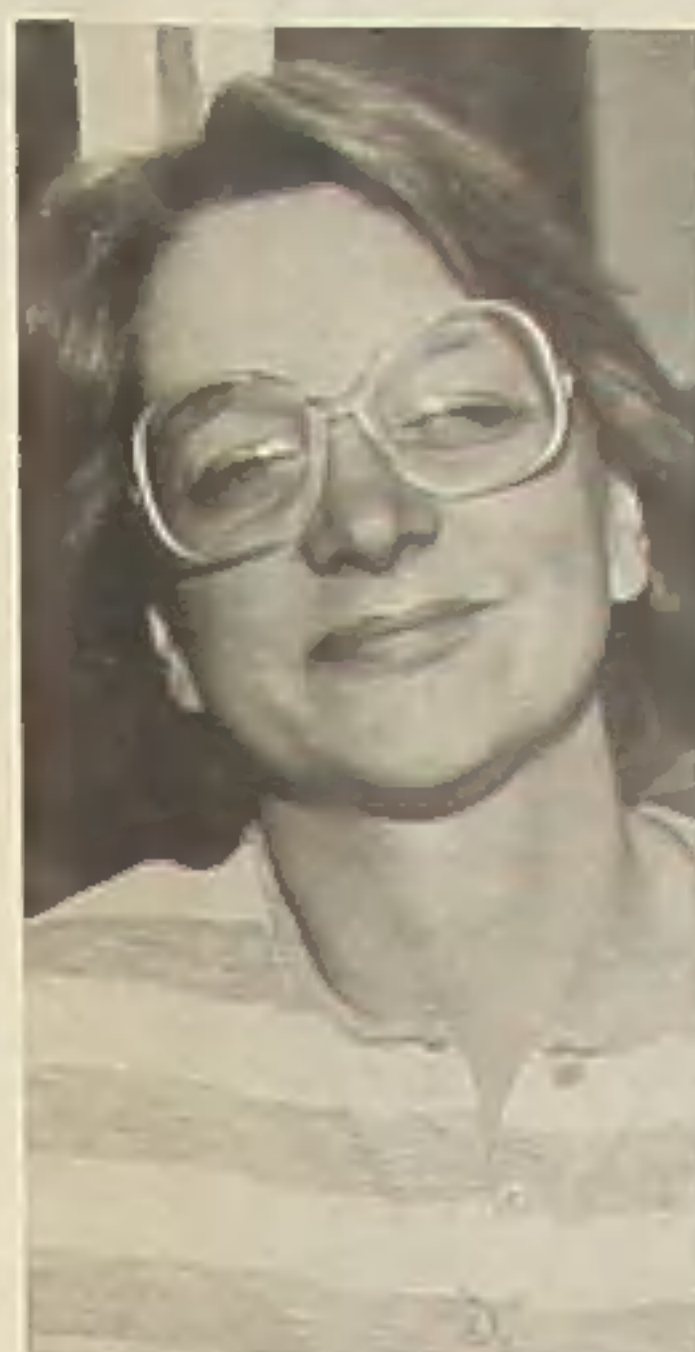
student taking the course is required to write a paper based on the tours.

Parker said the trip to Oxford will cost \$2,600, plus any spending money and a \$125 fee charged for tours in her course. She will receive a \$1,000 scholarship from Southern, and is financing the remainder through a work-study program in the College bookstore and a loan.

"I have never traveled before," said Parker. "That's what makes it so exciting. I am willing to borrow money to go because it's a once-in-a-lifetime chance."

Requirements for the trip to Oxford call for 75 hours completed, a grade-point average of 3.5 or better, at least 15 hours during the spring semester, and a junior or senior classification.

"The reason I chose the course I did is because I thought it would give me more opportunity to see the country, and I plan to thoroughly enjoy it," said Parker.



Marianne Fletcher

### Marianne Fletcher

Anxious to attend Oxford University, Marianne Fletcher says she has dreamed about a trip there all her life.

"I grew up with English literature and novels," she said. "If someone had told me that I could go anywhere in the world, it would be England and Oxford."

Fletcher is a junior special education major at Missouri Southern, but has a special interest in English literature. She has selected "19th Century Novels" for her Oxford course.

"My favorite authors are C.S. Lewis and Lewis Carroll, and they read at Oxford," she said. "I'd like to get into the attitudes of the English writers and learn from the cultures there."

Fletcher hopes to use the knowledge she gains this summer later in her career as a special education teacher.

"I love literature, especially children's literature, and want to help my students gain a love for reading and literature," she said.

Fletcher says she will avoid the traditional tourist places in England and instead visit the smaller villages and moors.

She said the only part about her trip that she wasn't looking forward to was leaving her husband and four children.



Jo Ann Robinson

### Beth Hood

Concentrating on the history of England, seeing the sights, and learning about a different culture are Beth Hood's plans for the summer.

"I feel very fortunate to have the opportunity to go to Europe at this stage of my life," she said. "I hope Southern will continue to offer this exciting program for students in the future."

Hood, who is enrolled in the first Oxford session, will study "Medieval England." The class requires reading, a written assignment, and visits to landmarks.

"It will be a very busy three weeks filled with learning all I can about the culture and seeing all the sights," she said. "I plan on making the most of it because I might not ever have another opportunity to return again."

Hood has never traveled to another country or flown before.

"I'm looking forward to the plane ride," she said. "We leave Kansas City and fly to Detroit. From Detroit, we fly into Gatwick Airport in London."

Although studying will take up much of her time, she plans to enjoy the trip.

"I plan to visit London and any of the other surrounding areas, if possible."



Beth Hood

### Jo Ann Robinson

Communications major Jo Ann Robinson said she was excited when she learned she had been accepted to study at Oxford.

"I was really excited about it," she said. "Getting ready to go is a lot of fun. Getting the passport is something I haven't experienced."

Robinson will be attending the course "Alice Before and After," a study of the character from Lewis Carroll's *Alice's Adventures in Wonderland*. The class will take place in the same area where Carroll wrote the story.

"There will be small classes, and that will give us a chance to share," she said.

Robinson hopes to gain a better knowledge and understanding of the people from England.

"I've never been out of the country before, and it will help my major being in another country," she said.

Robinson's husband will be joining her in England at the end of the session, and they will travel for a few days.

"My husband has relatives in the area, but we've never met them before," she said. "We look forward to making contact with them."

One thing Robinson wants to see in England is the changing of the guards at Buckingham Palace.

## Studying at Oxford helps Freeborn professionally

For JoAnn Freeborn, returning to England meant more than just studying at Oxford.

Freeborn, a 1987 graduate of Missouri Southern, was one of 20 students from the College who attended the program last summer.

The trip to England was a "very special experience" for Freeborn because her family later joined her. She and her husband

were married there 31 years ago.

While at Oxford, Freeborn studied the English social services program and its development.

"It dealt directly with the area I have gone into professionally," said Freeborn, who works for the Area Agency on Aging in Joplin.

"The opportunity to study in such an environment is so inspiring," she added.

"You aren't given a specific schedule of classes to attend. You are assigned to a don, and together you determine what lectures to attend to reach your goal."

Freeborn said Oxford is not for all students, however.

"Oxford offers a unique experience for a dedicated, well-disciplined student," she said.

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## Program provides Woods with different perspective

Oxford has given one participant a "little perspective on the way things are outside" the United States.

Darren Woods, a senior business major, participated in the Oxford program last summer. He enrolled in "Heritage of English Towns," which involved traveling to areas near Oxford.

"We studied the churches and the his-

tory of the towns," he said.

Woods said one of the most memorable towns he remembered visiting was Bath. He found it interesting because "it was there when the Romans colonized England, and everything has been restored."

Woods said the fact that everything has been restored is one difference between the U.S. and England.

"The places seem so permanent, like

they've been there forever," he said. "Over here, buildings are constantly being torn down and new ones built. But over there, everything is significant, even the carvings in the walls."

Woods believes his experience will prove valuable in his future endeavors.

"It gives me a little perspective on the way things are outside this country."

because it still had part of the Roman wall," she said.

Mason said she chose "The English Collection," although it was outside her major, because she "was really interested in it."

She said this experience will help her in the future because "it gives you a better understanding" of other people

## Experience gives Mason a better understanding of others

Last year's Oxford program provided Joyce Mason with a better understanding of people in other countries.

Mason, now a senior biology major, enrolled in "The English Collection" at Oxford. The course examined the literature, architecture, and art around Oxford.

"It was fascinating, actually," she said.

"We attended class five days a week and then on the weekends were free to tour England."

Mason stayed an extra week in England, which allowed her to take in more of the country. She spent most of that time in York, parts of which date back to the Roman Empire.

"It was one of the highlights of my trip,

## Student carries 3.97 GPA

Robin Shackles to graduate in only five semesters

By Jimmy Sexton  
Staff Writer

Combining the responsibilities of raising three children, attending college, and student teaching is a heavy load for anyone, but the load becomes heavier for a single parent.

Robin Shackles, a senior at Missouri Southern, has a 3.97 grade-point average.

A correspondence course, Physical Geography, taken from the University of Missouri, lowered her GPA. Shackles received an 88 percent score in the course.

"I would have had a perfect 4.0 if it weren't for that correspondence course," she said.

Shackles will graduate with a bachelor of science degree in education in May. She will have completed her entire coursework in only five semesters.

Currently enrolled in 22 hours, Shackles completed 20 hours last summer. She has received 23 hours from CLEP tests.

"Where there's a will, there's a way," she said.

When she started taking classes at the College, Shackles said she was concerned because her classes were not as difficult

as she had anticipated.

"I was floored that I was making 'A's,'" she said, "but it got really tough when I got into the upper-division hours."

Graduating from Mesa (Ariz.) High School in 1976, Shackles stayed out of school for 10 years before returning.

Married at 16 and just recently divorced, Shackles has three children.

Before her divorce, she was considering law school and had received scholarships from the University of Tulsa and Arizona State University.

Shackles said she decided to enroll at Southern for "personal growth."

"I felt like my brain was mushing out," she said.

Although she was laughed at for her study habits in high school, Shackles has not deterred from making good grades.

"I was a 'B' and 'C' student in high school," she said, "but I still study in a dark cold room and have to have a lot of noise around me."

Presently, Shackles is student teaching American Government and Understand the Law at Joplin High School. She would eventually like to teach social studies at the junior high or high school level.

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## Baseball Lions gear up for CSIC tournament

Turner names Krull, Parker as probable starters

While Missouri Southern's Warren Turner considers Emporia State as the favorite in this weekend's CSIC tournament, the baseball coach is not counting the Lions out.

"Emporia has to be the favorite in the conference tournament," Turner said. "They are nationally ranked and probably deserve to be favored."

Southern, 19-21 overall but 16-3 against NAIA and NCAA Division II competition, opens the tournament against the winner of the Kearney State-Emporia State game at 1 p.m. tomorrow. At 4 p.m. tomorrow, the Lions will play the loser of the Emporia State-Kearney State test. Saturday's games will determine the conference champion.

Turner said probable starters for tomorrow's contests are righthanders Jim Krull and Mike Parker. Krull, a senior, is 6-4 with a 4.62 earned run average. Krull has been the team's most effective starter recently, winning three of the team's last six games. Parker, a junior, has been handed six losses in seven decisions. But all of Parker's losses have been administered by NCAA Division I opponents.

On Tuesday, Southern took advantage of its last regular season game by defeating Southwest Missouri State University 5-3.

"It's good for this college to beat SMSU," Turner said. "It's kind of a rivalry

for us."

While it may be a rivalry, Southern has come out on the short end of the stick in previous years. The Bears had won 45 of the 58 meetings between the two schools.

Lion pitchers held SMSU hitters to five safeties in the nine-inning game. Tricky lefthander Freddy Warden picked up his first victory of the season. The Southern junior gave up two hits in three innings while striking out four.

Although Turner insists he takes each game one at a time, he can't resist looking down the road in the NAIA District 16 tournament that begins a week from tomorrow.

"Missouri Baptist will probably be put first in the district seedings," he said. "I would like to be seeded second, but you just never know."

Turner said a set line-up and more consistent play in recent games gives Southern "as good a chance as anyone" to reach the NAIA World Series in Lewiston, Idaho.

"We're where we want to be at this point," he said. "If every coach had a formula for where they wanted to be at the end of a season, it would be nice."

"You have to have a lot of breaks to win the national tournament. There are some good teams that are going to be there like Grand Canyon in Arizona and Lewis and Clark in Idaho. Maybe they'll lose and increase our chances."



Freshman duo

(Top) Freshman second baseman Tim Casper forces out a Missouri Western runner during Missouri Southern's doubleheader sweep of the Griffons. (Above) Freshman Dan Rodgers (18) receives a throw from the pitcher in a pick-off attempt.

## Soccer team to wind up spring slate

Spurlin plans exercises for players over summer

By Anastasia Umland  
Staff Writer

With just two games remaining in the spring soccer season, head coach Jack Spurlin is pleased with his team's performance.

Last weekend, Southern battled Southwest Missouri State University to a 1-1 tie. "We basically controlled the tempo of the game," said Spurlin. "We missed some golden opportunities to score. We outshot them at least 25-0."

Spurlin was proud of the team's defense and its performance at the midfield.

"The performance was excellent," he said. "I think they just lacked concentration."

The soccer Lions will finish up their short spring season Saturday and Sunday when they challenge teams from Avila and Benedictine.

"If we keep playing the way we have been playing, we could win," he said.

With the addition of four players, Spurlin is looking forward to next season.

"I am real excited to have these guys," he said. "I worked very hard on convincing these guys to come to Southern. It was a big thrill to steal these players from [NCAA] Division I teams."

Tulsans Eric Mallory, David Kelly, and Brooks Taffner have all signed letters of intent to play for Southern. Springfield's Cory Dikeman also has promised to play here next season.

In the fall, the soccer Lions will have at least 11 home games. Spurlin views this as an advantage for the team.

"We have an excellent schedule," he said. "We are also facing five [NCAA] Division I teams."

In order to be ready for such a busy schedule in the fall, Spurlin is planning summer exercises for the team members to complete on their own.

"I'll be meeting with each athlete individually to develop some guidelines for a summer fitness program," he said. "I want everybody to be ready from day one."

Spurlin has overcome his feelings of apprehension during this semester. He said at first he was not sure if he would enjoy coaching college soccer because different aspects were involved than at the high school level, such as recruiting.

"I really didn't know what to expect when I first took the position," he said. "And I started to have second thoughts about the recruiting and paperwork."

"But once I got into the practices, I found out it was just what I had expected."

Spurlin is optimistic about the future of the soccer team. He thinks the players have positive attitudes and good skills.

"I see the future of the team going up, up, up," he said. "I have a some good, young players. They are a real 'gung-ho' group."



## Golfers try to make it three in a row

Looking for a third tournament title in as many weeks, Missouri Southern's golf team is in Junction City, Kan., for the Central States Intercollegiate Conference championships.

Southern won the NAIA division of the Missouri Intercollegiate Classic on April 11-12. After a week away from the greens, the Lions captured the Heart of America title at Central Missouri State University last weekend. Bill Cox, golf coach, said the recent victories are no fluke.

"All of these things have to boost morale," he said. "All of those things certainly are a plus for us."

While the team has won two in a row, Cox still sees room for improvement.

"I'm pleased, but I'm not satisfied," he said. "We're losing too many strokes needlessly."

"On the other hand, I'm supposed to be looking for faults. If you're going to

prove, you can't sit and say that's good enough."

Southern's improvement has been steady since the season opened about a month ago. The team finished fifth, fourth, and third in its first three tournaments, respectively.

"We try to improve with each match," Cox said. "We just try to play well, and right now that's what we're doing."

Southern golfers left yesterday for a practice round before the CSIC tournament's scheduled tee-off this morning. Cox believes three teams have a good chance of winning the conference.

"I see two strong teams in addition to us," he said. "Emporia State has won the tournament the last two years, and we only beat Washburn by one stroke earlier this year."

"We are in the driver's seat, but that doesn't necessarily mean we're going to

win."

While Cox finds Southern in the driver's seat, he will rely heavily on the play of freshman Boyd Downey and senior Lowell Catron. Although Downey shot a 146 in finish third at CMSU, it was sophomore Phillip James who shot a one-over-par 143.

Despite the fact that the NAIA national tournament is not until June 7, Cox admits he finds himself looking ahead to the season finale.

"Right now, we are just concerned about getting to the tournament," he said. "You look at the district before anything, but the national tournament is there."

"It's always in the back of your mind. Anyone who says it isn't on their mind is probably lying. I think we have a good chance of making it to the nationals."

## Lipira says tourney is 'anyones' ball game'

In yesterday afternoon's games against Northeastern State University, the softball Lady Lions lost the first one, 3-2, but rebounded for a 6-3 victory in the nightcap.

"In the first game, we cut our own throats," said Pat Lipira, head coach. "We did not contact with the ball as much as we should have."

"During the second game, we bared down hard and came back," said Patsy Hudson, catcher. "We did a good job when we needed it the most."

Despite the fact the Lady Lions won, Lipira thought the game contained too many errors.

"We just could not hang onto the ball," she said.

Lipira hopes the victory will boost the team's confidence in this weekend's Cen-

tral State Intercollegiate Conference at Emporia State University.

According to Lipira, anyone could win the tournament. Season records will not matter entering this competition, she said.

"Our national ranking will not even matter in this tournament except for the fact that the other teams will respect us more," she said.

The coaches will meet today to decide where the teams will be seeded. Each coach lists the pairings the way he or she would like to see the double-elimination tournament arranged. The majority vote will decide.

"The games in this tournament will be a 'do-or-die' situation," said Lipira. "The teams will be under a lot of pressure."

Lipira is proud to have several team members batting in the .300's. She said

she has never had a team with so many members possessing a high batting average. She thinks this will give the team an edge in the tournament.

"We will do fine as long as we hit the ball and have good defense," said Hudson. Lipira is depending on Julie Ruckman to be on the mound for the majority of the conference games.

"It will be tougher for her," she said. "She is bound to be getting tired. But I think she will be strong enough to throw all the games."

Lipira thinks the team will do well in the tournament. She said the team has been giving "150 percent" all season.

"There is not any one team that has been dominating the season," she said. "It will be anyone's ball game."



## The envelope please: our yearly awards

In the final edition of *The Chart* this year, I must hand out the third annual LePage Awards.

Shaun LePage, former *Chart* sports editor, claims to have named them after his great-great-grandfather Philippe "Flip" LePage. It's far more likely that the younger LePage named them after himself.

Contrary to popular belief, the awards are voted on by members of *The Chart* staff. The names are not drawn from a hat.

In 1986, the LePage Award for Surprise Team of the Year was captured by the baseball Lions. In 1987, the award was split—a Surprise of the Year (the cheerleaders) and a Team of the Year (volleyball).

The 1988 LePage Award for the Surprise Team(s) of the Year goes to the two basketball teams. Who would have anticipated a combined 40 losses from the men's and women's teams? Admittedly, the men were coming off a terrific 1986-87 season, and one could anticipate a "rebuilding year." On the other hand, the Lady Lions were returning an All-American, and no one would have predicted a school-record 11-game losing streak and an overall record of 8-18? Quite simply, things like this go beyond the realm of logic.

The LePage Coach of the Year is Hal Bodon. Bodon, who coached his final collegiate soccer game last fall, is solely responsible for the existence of a soccer program at the College. A career coaching mark of 172-95-29 at Southern gives Bodon a landslide victory in the coaching category.

Newcomer of the Year is a new LePage Award category. Newcomer, by my definition, is any freshman or junior college transfer who makes a great impact on a team. Golfers Boyd Downey and Chad Huffman, soccer's Jeff Malasek, and basketball's T.J. Taylor are all considerations, but freshman second baseman Tim Casper and freshman softball pitcher Julie Ruckman are the best.

Just when I think Ruckman's rubber arm is ready to fall off, she gets another win. Casper has been in the lead-off spot for the Lions all year and is second on the team in RBIs.

The Lion of the Year goes to Mike King. Fans saw King in two sports. He first was a defensive tackle who led the Lions in quarterback sacks. To top it off, King played basketball the last five games of the season.

Anita Rank might have the greatest complaint with the LePage Awards. She easily could have won the Lady Lion of the Year award last season, but was edged out by pitcher Christi Tidman. This year it's a different story. Probably by the greatest margin in the history of the LePage Awards, Rank finally captures a long-overdue LePage Award. She is as much responsible for my appreciation of women's athletics as tennis star Chris Evert or long-distance runner Mary Decker-Tabb.

The LePage Award for Excellence is difficult to choose. Anyone linked to Southern athletics could capture this coveted honor. The only requirement is that they should do something above and beyond the call of duty or, in this case, single-handedly keep things from falling apart.

Jim Frazier, men's athletic director, is our winner. The difficult firing of a football coach, replacing a retiring soccer coach, a basketball team that won only five games, and now beginning a search for a new assistant basketball coach make Frazier's year a difficult one. Yet, he managed to begin the transition to the NCAA and get final approval on the re-surfacing of Hughes Stadium.

As LePage once said: The recipients of these awards are to be congratulated for a year of success, and I hope they will cherish these awards in the late years of their lives, and tell their grandchildren about them.

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